

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-24 are in the case.

I. THE INTERVIEW

At the outset, the undersigned wishes to acknowledge a telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on December 1, 2003. The purpose of the interview was to discuss the proposed scope of the election invention set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the outstanding Action. Agreement was reached that this scope could be amended if A is CH, D is -CH=CH-, E is CH and X₁ is O-A³. The Examiner indicated that such a proposed amendment would be acceptable. The courtesies extended by the Examiner during the interview were most appreciated.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In light of the agreement reached with the Examiner, and without conceding to the merit of the restriction requirement, the claims have been amended so as to conform with the elected invention as modified by agreement with the Examiner during the telephone interview on December 1, 2003. The cancellation of subject matter in this application has been made without prejudice to pursuing the cancelled subject matter in one or more separate continuing applications.

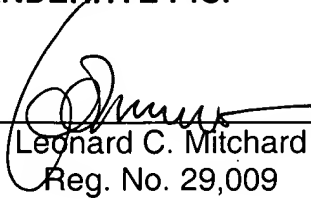
Allowance of the application is awaited.

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